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I am very much in favor of allowing previous incidents of domestic violence being presented to the jury in their deliberations.

In all of the cases that I have dealt with, there have been multiple incidents of violence. Usually the victim (most often a woman), does not report the first case nor does she seek help after the first incident. The pattern is one of repeated acts.

Such repeated abuse not only affects the partner, but it also traumatizes the children. How can a child grow up learning an appropriate role when all they see is repeated abuse of their mother?

I hope the State of Michigan Supreme Court amends the rules of evidence in domestic violence cases to allow past acts of domestic violence to be presented to the jury.

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